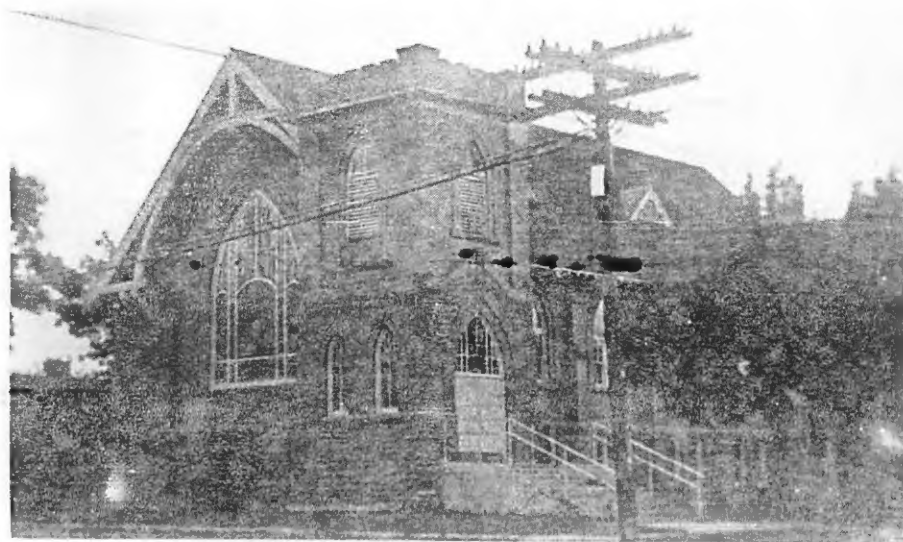


HEBER SECOND WARD

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When the ward was organized they obtained permission to hold meetings in the old Social Hall, which was located on main street, just north of the Buell Store or the present Wasatch Market. The hall was rarely used since most community entertainment was held in the new Turner Opera House.

The old Social Hall proved a real boon to the ward, for there was a good sized stage in the west end, with dressing rooms and a gallery in the east end over the entrance foyer. The stage was the scene of many ward plays, operettas and special programs by the MIA, the Primary and other organizations. The benches in the main hall could be removed and stored under the gallery to provide ample space for dancing. Because of these facilities for worship and entertainment, the ward members met often for enjoyable events that united them and brought many new members into activity.

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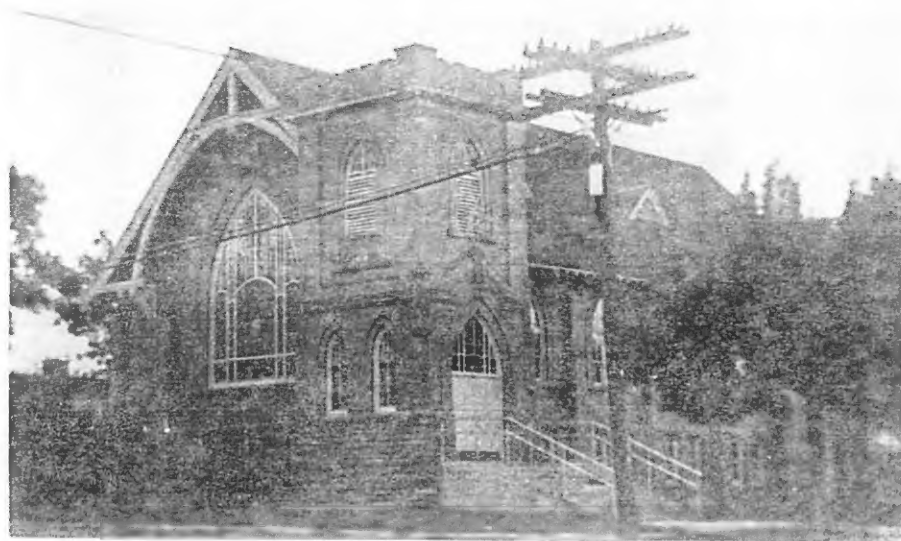
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